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1. SUMMARY FOLLOWS OF REPORT IN SVENSKA DAGBLADET RE

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POSSIBLE DUMPING ON UK MARKET OF SWEDISH STEEL PRODUCTS.

2. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS REPORTEDLY LOOKING INTO THE MATTER OF WHETHER SWEDISH MANUFACTURERS OF TOOL STEEL ARE QUILTY OF DUMPING THEIR PRODUCTS IN THE BRITISH MARKET. BRITAIN HAS ALREADY IMPOSED AN ANTI-DUMPING DUTY OF 10 PER CENT ON IMPORTS FROM SPAIN, AND AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WITH JAPAN ON A LIMITATION OF ITS STEEL EXPORTS TO BRITAIN.

3. BRITAIN IS A MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY. SWEDEN HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY REGULATING ITS EXPORTS OF STEEL TO MEMBER STATES. UNDER THE AGREEMENT, STEEL EXPORTERS SHOULD QUOTE THE SAME PRICES FOR THE COMMUNITY AS SHOWN IN THEIR OWN PRICE LISTS, PLUS TRANSPORT CHARGES. HOWEVER, IF OTHER STEEL SUPPLIERS ARE QUOTING LOWER PRICES, SWEDISH STEEL EXPORTERS ARE ENTITLED TO ALIGN THEIR PRICES TO THAT LOWER LEVEL.

4. INASMUCH AS SPAIN AND JAPAN--WHICH ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY--HAVE BEEN SELLING TOOL STEEL TO BRITAIN AT DUMPING PRICES, THE SWEDISH MANUFACTURERS HAVE BEEN IN A POSITION TO LOWER THEIR RATES ACCORDINGLY. THIS IS WHAT BRITAIN CLAIMS THE SWEDISH STEEL INDUSTRY HAS DONE CONTRARY TO THE PRICE ALIGNMENT RULES OF THE COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY. SECTION CHIEF NILS KARLSSON OF THE SWEDISH BOARD OF TRADE, THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISING COMPLIANCE WITH THE COMMUNITY'S RULES, IS REPORTED TO BE INVESTIGATING THE MATTER.

5. THE BRITISH SPECIALTY STEEL MANUFACTURERS HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN SEEKING TO BRING ABOUT MEASURES AGAINST WHAT THEY REGARD AS FOREIGN DUMPING. THE BRITISH FEDERATION OF INDUSTRY AND THE BRITISH TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION HAVE DEMANDED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TAKE STRONG MEASURES AGAINST THIS FORM OF DUMPING.

6. BRITAIN IS TRADITIONALLY ONE OF SWEDEN'S MAJOR
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MARKETS FOR STEEL. IN 1975 BRITAIN RANKED THIRD AFTER THE UNITED STATES AND WEST GERMANY AS A MARKET FOR SPECIALTY STEELS. THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE DANGER THAT BRITAIN WILL IMPOSE ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON IMPORTS FROM SWEDEN OF TOOL STEEL. UNDER THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, NEGOTIATIONS MUST FIRST TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE SO-CALLED MIXED COMMISSION BEFORE SUCH MOVES ARE RESORTED TO. IT IS LIKELY THAT BRITAIN

WILL DECIDE TO AWAIT THE RESULT OF THE INVESTIGATION
BEING CONDUCTED BY THE SWEDISH BOARD OF TRADE.
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